

District III Advisory Board Minutes

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**June 2, 2004
7:00 p.m.**

**Colvin Neighborhood City Hall
2820 S. Roosevelt**

The District III Advisory Board meeting was held at 7:00 p.m. at the Colvin Neighborhood City Hall at 2820 S. Roosevelt. The District III City Council member was not in attendance and President Pro Tem William Ward presided with eight (8) District Advisory Board members in attendance. Four (4) City staff were present and approximately eight (8) members of the public, most of whom signed in.

Members Present

Jim Gulick
William Ward
Charlotte Foster
Judy Dillard
Matt Foley
Joann Hartig
Phyllis Hall
Laura Simpson
John Kemp

Members Absent

CM Phil Lambke

Staff Present

Vicki Mork
Officer Steve Jerrell
Jim Armour
John Schlegal

Guests

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ORDER OF BUSINESS

Call to Order

President Pro Tem Bill Ward called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes for May 5, 2004 were approved by a vote of 8-0.

Action: Received and filed.

Public Agenda

1. Scheduled Items

None scheduled at this time

Recommended Action: Provide comments/take appropriate action.

2. Off-agenda Items

None at this time.

Recommended Action: Provide comments/take appropriate action.

Staff Presentations

3. Community Police Report

Officer Steve Jerrell, Beat 33 reported a rough month in the Planeview area as a recent homicide and an assault occurred in the neighborhood. It has been 2 1/2 years since the last homicide. Due to this the Police Department is holding a Gang Awareness meeting June 10, 2004 at 7PM in Colvin Elementary in Rooms 116 and 117. They want to respond to the gang issues as soon as possible!

Officer Jerrel also announced the Planeview Activity Camp for Kids was coming up from June 14 through July 23. Formed 3 years ago in response to crime and issues with unsupervised kids. The program is for children who have finished Kindergarten through the 8th Grade. There will be structured supervised activities from June 14th – July 23rd. Wichita Police Department volunteers will lead weekly soccer clinics on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 4-6 p.m. Jan Chatman with Park and Recreation Department will be holding an evening recreation program for kids from 6:30 – 8 p.m. if it is well attended it will continue if not it will be discontinued. Officer Jerrell will have a Web page on line tomorrow.

Recommended Action: Receive and file.

4. Off-site Billboard Regulation

John Schlegel, Director of MAPD explained the Council asked him to present information on the issue of off site billboards and take feedback. He reviewed several handouts provided to DAB members regarding off-site billboard regulations and other information. The billboard concern was complaint generated through City Council members and as a result they want to know how the DAB's feel about off-site billboards within the city of Wichita.

Foster said she supported the 660' buffer zone for billboards required on K-96. **Dillard** stated she opposed billboards. **Foley** asked DAB and audience members to indicate if they ever received any useful information from a billboard, informal vote undecided. **Simpson** thinks billboards are a distraction to drivers and interfere with aesthetics of neighborhoods citing examples at Harry and Rock Road.

Dillard doesn't like billboards and finds it ironic that 660' limitation applies to recreational areas but not neighborhoods. She thinks they should be eliminated and banned from highways. **Gulick** pointed out that billboards are an effective method of advertising or companies wouldn't pay rent for the space. **Skelton** pointed out recent effective public service billboards. **Dillard** prefers small signs on I-35. **Hartig** likes to see Wichita events advertised.

Kemp says some states don't allow highway billboards and cited Nevada as an example. Mainly he doesn't want to see billboards restricted around rich neighborhoods and piled on the less affluent neighborhoods. **Dillard** recommended restrictions on billboards around neighborhoods be changed from 50' to at least 660'. **Foley** suggests banning billboards completely in residential areas.

Ward asked how is a business that is off the beaten path supposed to put up a sign? He received explanation that zoning regulations guide the placement of these signs. **Foster** said she would like to see signs on buildings along east Kellogg.

Foster along East Kellogg wants only signs on the buildings. **Gulick** says forcing billboards to be taken down is not going to happen and grandfathering will continue to happen as the City limits expand. Says without City and Council co-operation signs will migrate out to county suggests mutual ordinance.

Audience member **Walter Hoglan** 1931 Pine Bay asked if the discussion included real estate for sale signs, was told no by **Schlegel**. **Hartig** suggested regulating off site signs based on size as it is the big ones that are opposed by everyone.

Recommended Action: DAB members provided input about off-site billboard regulation for City Council review.

5. Public Works

Jim Armour, City Engineer, presented petition to pave streets in Pine Bay Estates located east of Hydraulic and south of 63rd Street South. **Armour** explained 855 residents signed petition comprising 79.7% and 80% of improvement district agreed so it was very good approval rates. Only one resident was in attendance and he didn't object.

Recommended Action: Dillard (Kemp) moved to approve paving passed unanimously 8-0.

Board Agenda

6. Updates, Issues and Reports

Armour reported good news on other projects for District III. Public Works bid South Hydraulic last week. \$3.6 million construction project begins in two months at 57th and Hydraulic with a completion date of June/July 2005.

The Pawnee project has resumed but KDOT delays prevent the purchasing of Pawnee right of way until after first of the year.

The K-15 project resurfacing the highway and widening off ramp to I-135 with an extra lane will start after the 4th of July and is to be finished by Labor Day. The project will restrict traffic to one lane as the road is milled and overlaid from turnpike to I-135 entrance with shoulder repair. **Kemp** questioned ability of overlay to withstand truck traffic was told it would. He is also concerned about the impact of traffic restriction of K-15 on his

neighborhood with through traffic taking Dunham instead of waiting on slow traffic. **Armour** told him that would be a police issue.

Foster reported Fabrique Neighborhood Association had successful clean up. **Simpson** said East Mt. Vernon has a clean up scheduled for June 12th. **Gulick** reported tires left over from the Grandview Heights clean up. **Neighborhood Assistant Vicki Mork** said she would notify Environmental Health. **Hall** reported that Planeview NA will have a picnic in Planeview Park on June 5th from 1:00-7:00p.m. She also reported problems on illegal use of drive onto George Washington Boulevard, and the tractor of semi parked on Whitney. She also reports counterfeit money being given to Planeview garage sales. She concluded saying there is a Whitney cleanup scheduled for June 26th. There will be skids available only from 9:00a.m.-1:00p.m.

Hartig is on the WIN board and she reports they will hold a meeting on June 12th at the WATER Center to discuss parks and parkland from 9:00a.m.-12:00p.m.

Recommended Action: Receive and file.

Gulick (Foley) motion to adjourn. Passed unanimously

5. Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting for District Advisory Board III will be July 7th, 2004 at Colvin Neighborhood City Hall at 7:00 p.m.

No Action Required

Adjournment

Respectfully Submitted,

Vicki Mork, Neighborhood Assistant

Visitors

Carol Campbell	2821 S. Mosley
Lisa Wold	2820 S. Mosley
Jesse R. Sheffield	2526 S. Mosley
Jim Skelton	5903 E. Skinner
Walter Hoaglan	1931 Pinebay
John Schlegel	MAPD
Michael Brincefield	4730 Ida
Lonny Wright	1020 W. McArthur